Questions to Assess Family Involvement
In System Design and Development

Does your group want to have families involved in their care and system reform?

What is your group currently doing to encourage family involvement?

Is what your group doing working?

What is your group willing to do to improve or increase family participation and involvement?

Does your group have a family recruitment plan?

Does the plan include outreach to families that have children being served in the system?

Is there a role for families that have survived their children's mental health problems and are ready to support other families through their crisis?

Is the family participation and involvement valued and supported through finical incentives?

Does the group accommodate flexible meeting times to encourage family participation?

Are locations for meetings chosen where families feel comfortable?

Is there an orientation packet developed for new family members?

Is the environment warm and engaging for family members?

Are family members consulted about preferences for time and place?

Are meetings held when family partners can attend?

Are meeting open and inclusive to as many families that want to participate or are family slots being allocated?

Are there numerous ways for families to participate?

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Are families sitting on boards and policy making committees?

Are families participating on internal quality assurance committees?

Are family members participating in system trainings?

Are parents/and or caregivers supported as co-trainers whenever possible? For instance do they co train System of Care trainings, Family Involvement trainings, Client Rights and Responsibilities trainings and other relevant trainings?

Have family members been trained as system evaluators?

Does family participation reflect the cultural and racial diversity of the population your organization serves?

Are youth invited to participate along with their families?

How does your organization support the growth and development of family and youth support organizations?

Does your organization believe that families and youth have with in them the resources to change their lives?